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## COINAGE OF THE UNITED STATES MINTS.

Reports of the coinage operations of the country for the past fiscal year show that the coinage was \$57,448,685, an increase of \$13,593,977 over the total for 1874-75. Of the coinage of 1875-76, \$38,182,962 was gold, and the remainder, \$19,265,723, silver. The operations of the three mints are as follows:

### GOLD COINAGE.

	<i>San Francisco.</i>	<i>Philadelphia.</i>	<i>Carson.</i>
Double eagles, . . . . .	\$26,900,000 . . . . .	\$8,228,900 . . . . .	\$2,771,820
Eagles, . . . . .	500,000 . . . . .	8,320 . . . . .	95,290
Half eagles, . . . . .	45,000 . . . . .	8,385 . . . . .	18,415
Three Dollars, . . . . .	. . . . .	135 . . . . .	. . . . .
Quarter eagles, . . . . .	41,500 . . . . .	11,552 . . . . .	. . . . .
Dollars, . . . . .	. . . . .	3,645 . . . . .	. . . . .
Total gold, . . . . .	\$27,036,500 . . . . .	\$8,260,937 . . . . .	\$2,885,525

### SILVER COINAGE.

Trade dollars, . . . . .	\$4,523,000 . . . . .	\$ 280,050 . . . . .	\$1,329,000
Half dollars, . . . . .	1,772,000 . . . . .	2,456,525 . . . . .	757,000
Quarter dollars, . . . . .	1,080,000 . . . . .	2,415,263 . . . . .	512,750
Double dimes, . . . . .	227,000 . . . . .	7,560 . . . . .	28,000
Dimes, . . . . .	1,351,000 . . . . .	1,441,105 . . . . .	848,000
Total silver, . . . . .	\$ 8,953,000 . . . . .	\$6,600,503 . . . . .	\$3,474,750
Minor coins, . . . . .	. . . . .	237,470 . . . . .	. . . . .
Add gold, . . . . .	27,036,500 . . . . .	8,260,937 . . . . .	2,885,225
Total gold and silver, . . . . .	\$35,989,500 . . . . .	\$15,098,910 . . . . .	\$6,360,275

Of the entire gold coins produced, \$37,900,720 were in double eagles, \$153,610 eagles, and \$128,632 half and quarter eagles. The silver coinage consisted of \$6,132,050 in trade dollars, \$4,985,525 in half dollars, \$4,008,013 in quarter dollars, \$262,560 in twenty-cent pieces, \$3,640,105 in dimes, and the remainder in the smaller coins.

The coinage operations at the San Francisco Mint during the past fiscal year, were the largest since its establishment, and the aggregate business will probably exceed that of any mint in the world for a single year. The coinage of gold during the past year, as usual, has been chiefly confined to double eagles. Trade dollars were continued during every month of the year except the first.

Acting under the provisions of the Silver bill, repealing the legal tender of the trade dollar, and authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to limit the coinage thereof to the actual export demand. Secretary Morrill has directed that no deposits for these coins be received, until further advised, at the Philadelphia or Carson City Mint. The San Francisco Mint has been authorized to coin an amount sufficient to meet the actual export demand, which is for China and Japan only. Otherwise the Mints will be run to their full capacity on the subsidiary coin and necessary gold coinage.

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## LEPERE COLLECTION.

This collection, as Part IV of Mr. Hazeltine's Series, was sold on July 17th and 18th by Messrs. Thos. Birch & Sons, in Philadelphia. Following are the principal pieces, with prices realized:

Crown; 1603; "Admi. Max. Arch. Aus Dux Bur. Mag. Pruss;" fine . . . . .	\$2 20
Crown of the Grand Commander of the Knights of Malta; 1768; fair . . . . .	2 50
Crown of Ferdinand, Duke of Austria and Count of Tyrol; good . . . . .	1 50
Double Thaler, of Ludwig I of Bavaria; 1848; very fine . . . . .	2 25
Crown; 1763; "Heinrich XIII; Reuss G. W. H. H. V. Plauen;" fine . . . . .	2 25
Napoleon I, 5 Francs; 1811; fair . . . . .	1 50
Central America; Dollar of 1826; uncirculated Store Card; "Collins' Ready Made Linen," etc.; brass; good; size 17 . . . . .	1 60
Card of Gossitt, Hill & Co., Memphis; obverse, "The Wealth of the South;" copper; very fine; size 14 . . . . .	2 10
Another; obverse, "No submission to the North;" copper; very fine; size 14 . . . . .	1 35
Card of Hamilton & White, Chicago; 1845; "Going to 139 Lake St.;" copper; good deal worn; size 17 . . . . .	1 55
Card of Irving House, New York; "Hunt & Nash;" composition shell; fine; size 15 . . . . .	2 13
Card of Tatout Bros., New Orleans; brass; octa- gon; fine; size 15 . . . . .	1 40
Card of Weighell & Son; great of John Bell; cop- per; fine; size 14 . . . . .	7 00
1794 Dollar; a good specimen, showing all the date, stars and lines of the hair; seldom that one so good is offered at auction . . . . .	1 20
1796 Dollar; very good . . . . .	39 00
Another, in about the same condition . . . . .	2 50
1797 Dollar; 7 stars facing; very good . . . . .	2 00
1797 " 6 " " " " " " " " " " " "	3 25
1797 " 6 " " " " " " " " " " " "	1 60
1798 " small eagle; 13 stars; good . . . . .	4 25
1799 " 5 stars facing; good . . . . .	4 25
1836 " circulated, but good . . . . .	3 75

1838 Dollar; brilliant proof . . . . .	\$27 00
1838 " " very slightly hay marked . . . . .	37 00
1852 Dollar; brilliant proof . . . . .	28 00
1853 " fine . . . . .	2 25
1854 " very fair . . . . .	2 00
1855 " nick on edge; very good . . . . .	2 90
1856 " very good . . . . .	2 90
1857 " very slightly circulated . . . . .	2 60
1794 Half Dollar; very fair . . . . .	2 00
1796 " 16 stars; good for date . . . . .	15 25
1797 " good deal rubbed, but fair . . . . .	4 50
1815 " fine . . . . .	1 50
1852 " very good . . . . .	1 30
Pine Tree Shilling; 1652; fair . . . . .	2 25
Annapolis Shilling; 1788; very good . . . . .	3 50
Massachusetts Half-cent; 1787; uncirculated; weak impression in centre . . . . .	2 00
Massachusetts Half-cent; 1787; very fine im- pression . . . . .	1 62
Kentucky Cent; thick planchet; very fine . . . . .	2 10
Set of Wyatt's Oak Tree Shilling, Two-pence and Penny; Pine Tree Six-pence and Three- pence; silver; uncirculated; for set . . . . .	5 00
Another Set, without the Penny; copper; fine; for set . . . . .	1 00
Mary and Henry Darnley Dollar; Scotland; 1566; fine . . . . .	9 50
Testoon of Mary; 1556; shield of Scotland crowned; rev., large cross with four small crosses in angles; fine . . . . .	4 00
Elizabeth Crown; very little rubbed . . . . .	6 50
" Half-crown; very good . . . . .	2 50
Commonwealth Crown; 1654; very good . . . . .	7 00
William and Mary Crown; 1691; good . . . . .	1 75
Bank of England Dollar; 1804; good . . . . .	1 30
1795 Half-eagle; small eagle; very fine . . . . .	7 80
1798 " large date; very good . . . . .	6 00
1799 " fine . . . . .	6 00
Twenty Shilling Piece; Oliver Cromwell; 1656; fine . . . . .	7 50
Spade Guinea; George III; 1798; fine . . . . .	7 00
Half-guinea; " 1777; very good . . . . .	3 30
Louis d' Or; Henry IV; very fine . . . . .	5 00
Twenty Franc Piece; "Napoleon Premier Con- sul;" good . . . . .	5 75
1858 Brilliant Proof Set; 7 pieces . . . . .	13 25
Electrotype of 1804 Dollar; fair . . . . .	2 00
Anna Farthing; 1714; very fine . . . . .	2 00
1804 Cent; perfect die; very good for this date; has been smoothed with a graver . . . . .	5 25
1808 Cent; 12 stars; slightly mistruck; rather weak impression; very fine . . . . .	1 50



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### NUMISMA.

Heretofore we have barred dry statistics from our columns, but this year being unprecedented in the history of the United States Mint operations, we have published on the first page the figures of the coinage of the three mints for the fiscal year lately closed. They are interesting in exhibiting changes in the monetary denominations, extent of circulation, etc.

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The Boston Police, on Aug. 5th, arrested Dennis Quilty, Mary A. Quilty, his wife, and Kate Mahan on a complaint charging them with counterfeiting and passing counterfeit ten cent silver pieces. The operation of the counterfeiting adopted by Quilty was an ingenious one, because inexpensive. He prepared a soft mixture of plaster of Paris, which he placed in small boxes, the mixture filling the boxes a little more than even with the tops. Then taking a straight-edged piece of board he passed it over the surface of each, making them perfectly level. Next a ten cent silver piece was placed in the centre of one box of plaster and pressed part way into it; then the other side of the coin was pressed into the other box of plaster, the two boxes being placed together evenly. After drying, a small hole was made in the mold, through which a solution of black tin and lead could be poured. This completed the counterfeiting paraphernalia and Dennis began to make money.—*New York Times*.

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Hon. Samuel B. Ruggles, of this City, has in preparation "a history of the gold and silver money of the commercial nations of the world, and of the progress made in unifying or assimilating their coinages during the century preceding the 4th of July, 1876." Part I, entitled the "United States of America" will probably be published soon after the election. Mr. Ruggles is abundantly suited by his tastes, study, and experience to treat such a subject. His devotion to the commercial interests of this City and the country has been lifelong, and he was a delegate of the United States to the International Monetary Conference at Paris in 1867, and to the conferences at Berlin in 1863 and at the Hague in 1869.—*New York Times*.

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The Liberal League, of Philadelphia, at a late meeting, passed, among other resolutions, the following:

*Resolved*, That placing such an inscription, [IN GOD WE TRUST,] on the national coinage is analogous to striking the stars from the national flag and inserting the cross in their stead, or throwing down the statue of Liberty from the dome of the National Capitol and setting up the Virgin Mary in its place; and that such cunning, stealthy, and dangerous encroachments of the sectarian spirit on the secular character of the Government should call forth the loud and swift rebuke of an outraged people.

Yes, let "the loud and swift rebuke of an outraged people" be upon the adopter of this motto as well, for he has not only expressed a bit of Christian sentiment on the coinage of a barbarous (?) people, but has in other ways stealthily encroached on the rights of the same people by issuing an Emancipation Proclamation and ably prosecuting a civil war against unfortunate slave owners. We wonder that the Liberal League can relish the devotional exercises at the opening of Congress: although they are not strictly of a sectarian character, they indicate Christian influences in governmental rule. GOD WITH US, the germ—which inscription, by the way, has not been improved upon—of IN GOD WE TRUST appears on the coins of the Commonwealth of England in all the simplicity of Puritanic sentiment, which smacks of sectarianism. Upon this the Liberal League may have grounded their apprehensions, but until they can suggest a more suitable motto for a people in great majority Christians they had better defer their expressions of dissatisfaction. E PLURIBUS UNUM, according to present indications, will lose its English pronunciation, and this change will detract from its popularity; hence a motto purely English, like our new one, is in a fair way to come in public favor.

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We have received a catalogue of part of a private collection of coins and medals to be sold by auction by Messrs. Bangs, Merwin & Co., in New York, on the 14th and 15th inst. Catalogue by Mr. David Proskey, of 194 Washington St., New York. 1232 lots, comprising an excellent assortment of foreign pieces and a fair order of American, without Colonials.

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Bavaria; 10 Marks; 1873; gold; uncirculated, . .	3 00
Maximilian Dollar; 1867; good, . . . . .	1 25
Anna Four-pence; 1710; uncirculated, . . . . .	40
George I Shilling; 1723; very fine, . . . . .	80
Oak Tree Two-pence; 1662; very good, . . . . .	4 00
Wood Farthing; 1723; uncirculated, . . . . .	3 00
Massachusetts; 1787; close date; very good, . .	2 00
1856 Nickel Cent; proof, . . . . .	2 75
1855 Three-cent; fair, . . . . .	15
1871 " proof, . . . . .	35
1796 Dime; poor, . . . . .	25
1811 Dime; fair, . . . . .	1 25
1856 Dime; fair; large date . . . . .	20
1875 Twenty-cent; nearly proof, . . . . .	40
1796 Quarter-dollar; fair, . . . . .	2 00
1866 Quarter-dollar; fair, . . . . .	60

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1874 Dollar; proof surface, . . . . . \$1 30.  
 Confederate Cent; copper; proof, . . . . . 6 00  
 Lexington Medal; bronze; fine; size 24, . . . . . 1 00  
 Alexander Herzen Medal; bronze; very fine;  
 size 32, . . . . . 1 00  
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